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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Paul R. Sleath, et al.

Application No. : 09/670,106 Confirmation No. : 5809

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For : INTERLEUKIN 1 $\beta$  PROTEASE AND  
INTERLEUKIN 1 $\beta$  PROTEASE INHIBITORS

Group Art Unit : 1614

Examiner : Cybille Delacroix-Muirheid

Palo Alto, CA 94301  
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Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

In response to the July 1, 2004 Final Office Action,  
applicants submit the following remarks.

Applicants have petitioned concurrently herewith  
under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for a three (3) month extension of  
time and paid the fee set forth at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3),  
extending time to respond to January 1, 2005.

Applicants have filed concurrently herewith a Terminal Disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. §1.321(b) and (c) paid the required fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d)).

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.